



## HONORABLE FUNCTION OF THE POLITICIAN.

By Eliza Root, Secretary of State.

We often hear remarks made which indicate an impression that politicians are rather a low set of fellows, with selfish aims and corrupt practices, who manipulate party politics for their own advantage, and that the less self-respecting gentlemen have to do with them the better.

If that is ever the case, and it undoubtedly is the case at some times and in some places, it is always because at such times and in such places political control is allowed to go by default.

Another reason or excuse for not taking part in political affairs is the direct reverse of those that I have mentioned; it is that the party management is satisfactory; that matters go along very well, and that a man does his duty to his party if he supports its ticket with his vote, and perhaps contributes his fair share toward the payment of its expenses. This position can never be maintained.

None of these reasons for not taking part in party politics is ordinarily the real reason. The real reason is that men are unwilling to spend the time and the money and the labor necessary for the due performance of their duties as citizens; that they prefer to stand to their professions, their business, their pleasure, and allow others to govern them, rather than to take part in governing themselves.

They are willing to pursue a course which, if shared by the rest of their countrymen, would bring our constitutional government to an immediate end, wreck our prosperity and stop our progress.

## HOW WOMEN MAY RETAIN MEN'S RESPECT.

By Carmen Sylva, Queen of Romania.

Women should never forget that they stand on a superior level, and when they place themselves on an equality with men they do but descend from those heights. It is the natural instinct of man to venerate woman, first in the person of the mother who bore him, next in that of his wife, then again of his daughter, or it may be of, the sister or sisterly friend who watches over his children. It is not too much to say that, in all times and places, and under all circumstances, a truly woman woman will hardly fail to obtain proper deference from men. In the hour of trouble, in sickness and fatigue, our husbands and our sons seem to us just such dear spoilt children, whom we must do our best to help and comfort, however inordinate the claims may be which they make on our sympathy and indulgence.

Young girls cannot too soon begin to prepare themselves for the hours of loneliness life must inevitably

bring, and they should resolve from the first that whenever left thus they will spend the time profitably in acquiring useful knowledge, in enlarging their mental horizon so as to be able to share their husbands' pursuits and understand their aims, to become their worthy companions in every enterprise. For this no tremendous display of learning is requisite, that would often rather weary a man than not, instead of giving him the sensations of repose he seeks. One of the friends of my youth, an unmarried woman, whose skill with her needle was unrivaled, always had a book open before her while she worked, and while executing some lovely piece of embroidery of such graceful design and in such delicate colors that it looked like a water color sketch, she would learn all the finest passages from her author by heart. Thanks to this system, she was able to relate stories without end to young people without ever having to refer to a book.

## RAILROADS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

By Clarence M. Depew.

While the railroad employees formed but a small proportion of the electorate at the time I became associated with the railroads forty years ago, when you add to the one and a half millions directly upon the pay rolls the men who dug out the ore from the mines and those who turn the ore into rails, spangles, and spikes, and those whose finished product comes in the form of the cars upon the tracks, there are at least one-fifth of the voters dependent upon the railroads for their living.

The demand upon the railroads of the country is now greater than they can answer. Conditions of ten years ago have changed, and the farmers who are now reaping in prosperity need more railroads to transport the products of their labor.

The railroad plant is insufficient to meet the demands of the country, and the country is growing more rapidly than railway mileage or equipment construction. I am not one of those who fear that socialism, or advanced radicalism, or untried theories put into practice to produce financial or industrial paralysis. I believe that these great corporations should be under the rigid supervision of the States and of the general government.

Because of the present marvelous development of the American people want railways built, and they believe that those who take the risks should have a fair return upon their money. The millions of people who make direct investments or indirect ones through their deposits in savings banks and other institutions, and that vast army of labor, comprising one-fifth of our electorate, who are dependent upon railway prosperity for their living, are the substantial basis of the safety of the present and the growth of the future.

## HOW HORSES ARE TORTURED.



If you will stop to notice the character of the bits used on the horses you will get another view of the cruelty done to our faithful servants. And if you could make an examination of these bits and headgear, you would be more astonished than ever.

It would be impossible to estimate the suffering that horses undergo from high cheeking and from the weight of metal brought to bear on their frail underjaws.

The modern fashionable bit weighs two and a half pounds. The weight of that bit rests on the lower jaw, where the bone is the frailest in the whole anatomy of the horse. There are no teeth to prevent the big, heavy bit from crushing the tender jawbone. At that point there is only a tusk. I have seen that bone tooth so sore and tender from where the heavy bits hit it that the horse could hardly be bridled at all.

Besides this two-and-a-half-pound bit, there is another bit in the horse's mouth, one to which the cheekrein is fastened. The latest fashionable cheek works on a pulley. Then, with a martingale fastened to the noseband and bellyband, the horse can't even toss his head higher, if it was a physical possibility, to get the temporary rest that that would afford him.

But we seem to be getting worse instead of better. The latest invention is a bit with tremendous paw running back and squeezing the horse's tongue down so that he cannot move at all.

This last effort of fashion, of course, is to keep the horse's tongue from lolling from his mouth when he is checked so high that in his agony he lets the tongue out to try some change to relieve the pain. Though the bulldog in the seat of the carriage may have his tongue hanging out without showing that form, still for the hot, prancing horse to do it is simply intolerable!

If you want to imagine something of the agony of the modern fashionable carriage horse, go to any swell harness store and lift the head stall with the bit in place. And any horse will go mad with a plain snaffle bit. It's weight is one-tenth of that of the other, and the horse obeys the snaffle quicker. That the objection to the snaffle bit is that it's a fool.

## Contentment.

"Dey say contentment is better dan riches," said Uncle Ebeneezer; "but I mun' own up dat I'd kind of like to try both an' decide for myself."—Washington Star.

To a man with a little sense, probably the greatest annoyance in the world is a fool.

## ARMY LACKS FIGHTING MEN.

Soldiers Were the Scourge; Recruiting Officers in Despair.

"There is something wrong with the army," said General Bell, chief of staff, in a Western speech.

The weight of opinion at the War Department in Washington is that Secretary Taft summed up the case when he remarked that the trouble with the army was there was not enough of it. Men can't be lured to enlist. The general staff has been compiling a tablet that bears out this statement. They will be made the basis for a strong presentation of the needs of the army to Congress.

There is a company of coast artillery by regulations required to number 100 men, which musters just eight enlisted privates in its ranks. Of course company drill with such a skeleton organization is impossible. This is only one of a number of such organizations, mainly in the coast artillery it is true; but every branch of the service feels the same decline.

Men will not re-enlist at the expiration of their first terms of service. Pay outside the army is so much higher it attracts the most energetic soldiers to private life. Never before have recruiting officers found their work so hard and unprofitable. The demands upon the likely candidates men for the rapidly growing navy has also developed a new competitor for the recruiting sergeant.

A special reason for the refusal of the coast artillery men to re-enlist is that they are obliged to do a large amount of mechanical work in caring for the complicated fortifications, dressed only in working overalls or jumpers and getting few opportunities to wear their soldiers' uniforms.

As to the other branches of the service, the men are being called on to do too much hard work which they regard as unnecessary. Particularly do they object to the long, hard, periodical practice marches carrying the full heavy field kit. Many desertions are traceable to this dissatisfaction. The staff is trying to find corrective measures, but some measures will require legislation to make them effective.

The "blue" are made by direct order of the President, so the same authority can dispense with them or reduce the requirements. But it is certain that Congress must provide for a general and large increase of the pay of the soldier if the regular army is to be maintained at its authorized strength.

Officers may be bad, even though Gen. Funston has reported that a captain's pay is less than the wage of a plumber or house mechanic in California, but the War Department contends that the private soldier can not longer be kept in the ranks for \$12 a month while wages in civil life remain at their present standard.

## RIVERS IN A RAGE.

Lives and Property Lost When Mountain Streams Break Banks.

The loss of several lives and great property damage have resulted from heavy rains throughout Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

The rivers and mountain streams are out of their banks, live stock has been drowned, bridges and buildings have been washed away, railroad tracks have been swept off or undermined, trolley systems demolished, electric light plants put out of commission and hundreds of families compelled to abandon their homes and seek refuge on higher ground. In Pittsburgh the rivers have risen five feet in ten hours. Reports from above the city say that recurring storms during the last forty-eight hours have resulted in a precipitation of from three to four inches, which, being at the headwaters when they reach this city, may cause some damage not expected at present.

Parts of West Virginia have sustained heavy loss. Miles of track of the Western Maryland and the coal and iron railroads in Tucker and Barber counties have been washed away. The service on these roads is said to be at a standstill. The Dry Fork and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads are under water for many miles. In the Tygart Valley the towns of Grafton, Rowlesburg and Tunnelton are almost submerged, the damage amounting to nearly \$250,000. At Elkins the rainfall was five inches.

At McComb, W. Va., the home of Mrs. Mary Ballard, was wrecked by the high water, and three young children were drowned. The bodies were washed away.

While hundreds of persons watched the raging Tygart River a church floated down past Rowlesburg. Fifteen bridges were counted passing Grafton.

## News of Minor Note.

J. Arthur Kemp, chief clerk of the police department in Washington, is missing and a shortage of \$2,000 has been discovered in his books.

Probably the oldest dog in the State of Maine is Jack, owned by C. E. Freeman of Norway. Mr. Freeman claims that the dog is 32 years old.

American statistics show that the wall of a British scientist about the decrease in the size of the heads of the men of his nation does not hit Americans.

Consul General L. M. Iddings reports from Cairo that the contract for raising the Aswan dam in the Nile of Upper Egypt has recently been awarded to the firm who built the dam. The structure will be raised 23 feet and will cost \$7,500,000.

The "Tenderloin" police precinct in New York, known from the Battery to the Golden Gate, has been cut in two by Police Commissioner Bingham. A new station house has been erected in the lower half of the precinct and this was opened. No reason has been given for the change.

I know what you fellows are thinking," he said; "you think I thought I saw a rat, but I didn't."

## Six of One, Etc.

"Look at poor Mrs. Smith working that heavy lawn mower. Isn't it a shame?"

"Yes, perhaps it is; but listen to poor Mr. Smith putting the baby to sleep."

The New York fire department has two hand fire engines still in use. They are stationed with engine company 40 on Blackwall's Island.

Leaving their baby sleeping in a Hoboken hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrik Van Pelt of Pella, Iowa, board a line for Europe. Mother, remembering the child as the ship is about to depart, delays it until she gets the infant.

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## M. J. J. WOODMAN DEAD.

Paw Paw Granger Mad Long and Creditable Career as Politician.

Jonathan J. Woodman, one of the founders of the Republican party under the "oak" of Jackson, in 1854, and for many years a prominent figure in the politics of the State and a national figure in the granite, died at his home in Paw Paw at the age of 83. Mr. Woodman was born in Vermont and came to Michigan over 30 years ago. He settled in Van Buren county when it was a wilderness. Mr. Woodman's connection with the State granite began early in the '70s. In 1875 he was elected master of the State granite and held the office six years. The first year of the Civil War Mr. Woodman was elected a representative to the Legislature and he served in the Legislature throughout the war, a position where he had a good deal to do in assisting in raising and equipping the Michigan soldiers for the front. He was Speaker of the House at the sessions of 1868 and 1871.

## MEDIUM FORETOLD FIRE.

Laundress Killed and Five Buildings Burned in Lowell.

Following the warning given by a spiritualist medium to H. H. Reed, O. J. McClellan, a laundress, was killed and five buildings were burned with a loss estimated at \$10,000, in a fire in Lowell the other night. Reed was one of the heaviest losers. The fire started in the McClellan laundry about 2:30 o'clock and was well under way before it was discovered by members of the McClellan family. In trying to escape Mr. McClellan grasped a live wire and was instantly killed. His wife, in trying to save him, was dangerously shocked. Lawrence Culp with difficulty removed her from the side of her husband. The losers are: H. H. Reed, two second-hand store buildings, insurance \$1,800; J. H. Hamilton, marble shop, insurance on building, \$200; Mrs. A. P. Hunter, two buildings, one occupied by laundry, insurance \$100; Mrs. O. J. McClellan, laundry, total loss, no insurance; Walter Gibson, household goods, no insurance; Jacob Heymann, household goods, no insurance.

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## Grayling Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JULY 25

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year. In ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A **X** following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Back Combs at Hathaways.

Huckleberries are ripe and the promise is for a bountiful crop.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

You make no mistake when you buy a Fountain pen at Hathaway's.

Our city officials should get busy and see that the obnoxious weeds in the city are cut.

The best enamel bath tub at

**SORENSEN'S**.

A pair of gloves were found at the ball grounds and left for the owner at this office upon identification.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Roblin and Master Robert started south today for a two weeks vacation.

For Sale—A number of good Milne Cows, worth the money asked. Fred Hosell.

Everybody likes China Lac. For sale by J. W. SORENSEN.

Your eyes are your best friend. You can have them properly fitted at Hathaway's.

Make your old furniture look like new with a coat of China Lac. For sale by J. W. SORENSEN.

Try "Avon Club" coffee, the best grown, 25 cents per pound at

**SOUTH SIDE MARKET**.

Bass Ball Goods for Men and Boys at Fournier's.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

Rev. F. H. Locker reports a good attendance at the services each Sabbath afternoon in Beaver Creek.

To our advance paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

Try a sack of "Light House" flour. Much better few as good. S. H. Co.

Mrs. Myrtle Wilson entertained 18 of her little friends last Tuesday, July 16 in honor of her fifth birthday. All had a jolly time.

The ladies of the I. O. F. will serve a 10 cent coffee Friday afternoon, July 26th, from 4 to 6 and ice cream will be served in the evening on the lawn.

A. B. Failing started for his new home in Monroe, La., last Tuesday, after a pleasant visit with family and friends.

If you are wanting something new in Post Cards, something artistic, original and high class. Call at **SORENSEN FURNITURE STORE**.

For best bread use "Light House" flour. Money refunded if not satisfactory. S. H. Co.

Tuesday afternoon Rev. Blair pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church of Utica, Ohio, was in town. Mr. Blair sails for Hong Kong, China, Sept. 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Smith are enjoying the presence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wade and their little daughter from Chicago. The ladies are sisters.

Frank Ayers and wife, Fred McDonald, Peter McNeven, Andy Smith and James Kelley attended the funeral of E. B. Gilkey at Bay City, the 18th inst.

"Light House" flour, the best in the market. Come and get a sack. S. H. Co.

We are glad to learn that Henry Ward has secured the services of Prof. Dean, late of the Agricultural College to take charge of his large orchard at Pontiac, and the larger one in this county. Mr. Dean will solve the problem here.

R. Reagan was hit in the head by a pitched ball at the game with the Wolverines last Friday, and was unconscious for ten minutes or more, but is on deck again and ready for another.

The Presbyterian Sunday School selected a bright sunshiny day for their picnic last Wednesday. The eighty people that assembled at Colton's landing made the best of it and regarded it as a royal good time.

The supreme court handed down a decision Monday in which it holds that members of the present legislature are ineligible to become members of the coming constitutional convention.

Rev. E. W. Frazer has returned from his vacation and there will be regular services at the M. E. church. Next Sunday will be Quarterly meeting. Rev. L. N. Moon P. E. will preach in the morning. The pastor will occupy the pulpit in the evening. The Quarterly conference will be held on Saturday evening.

The latest reports give the 4th of July casualties as 59 dead and 3,807 injured in the United States. It costs something to make the eagle scream.

Mrs. John Dean, sister of Mrs. Gilkey, and formerly a resident here, came to Bay City last week with her husband and son to attend the funeral of Mr. Gilkey.

FOR SALE—Household goods, two new iron beds, mattresses, two heating stoves, cook stove, kitchen utensils, chairs, new sewing machine. Address **MR. JOHN L. HANNES**.

The Ladies' Union of the Presbyterian church, who are the exclusive agents of the "Wonder Washing Waters," have them for sale at Mrs. Tille's Sparkes'.

"Why?" asked a Missouri paper, "does Missouri stand at the head in raising mules?" "Because," said another paper, "that is the only safe place to stand."—Reflector.

George Kuech, who has been in a Chicago hospital about a month suffering with a derangement of the kidneys, is reported improving and is expected to be home soon.

The Danish society held their annual picnic at Nelson's landing on Portage lake last Sunday. The weather was threatening in the morning and remained cloudy all day, but it did not rain after all. All present report a pleasant time.

Willie McCullough is a dandy ball player and delight in the game, but he made a mistake last week in trying to catch a swift one with his nose. He got the ball all right but his nose lay over on his cheek. He is fixed up and will soon be ready for another.

A new hotel for Gaylord on the site of the old Mansard House is being considered by men of means. That a good hotel for Gaylord is a much needed institution goes without saying.—Gaylord Herald.

Our boys did it again, as was expected. The club came down from Wolverine the 19th in full war paint, after the scalps of the home club, but were obliged to return satisfied with 1 lone run to 11 for Grayling. Battery, Grayling; Dyer and Graham, Wolverine; Edwards, Goodwin and Cardinal.

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Mr. L. Pillmeier has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Montague. It is considered a very desirable location and Mr. and Mrs. Pillmeier are receiving the hearty congratulations of the many friends they have made during their residence here, though regretting to part with them. All unite in recognizing in him all the attributes of a true Christian gentleman.

The Salvation Army officers and corps of Gaylord will be here Saturday, July 27th, to hold a meeting. The pastor of the M. P. church has kindly let the Army have the use of his church for this evening. An open air meeting will be held near the depot at 6:30 standard time after which the service will be held at the church. All are invited. Capt. W. L. Covell will be in charge of both services.

They may talk of the south and the Pacific coast in the matter of strawberries, but we don't believe either of the above, or for that matter any other section can beat northern Michigan for size, flavor or general excellence of this delicious fruit when they are properly cared for as to cultivation, etc. Besides that, our crop comes on after the others are practically out of the market.

Fresh eggs, \$2 a dozen; milk, 50 cents a quart; bacon, 50 cents a pound; butter, 50 cents a pound; flour, 25 per 100 pounds. These are the prices that Consul C. C. Cole, of Dawson, reports to the government must be paid in the Yukon territory of Alaska. "There is no article sold for less than 25 cents, no matter how trivial," says the consul, "as there is no money in circulation of a less denomination than that amount."

The Michigan Agricultural College is being deluged these days with complaints as to the condition of the oat crop, which in many sections seems to have been suddenly stricken with a sort of a blight. The state entomologist in a bulletin just issued says a pestiferous little insect called a thrip, is responsible for the trouble, but he is unable to suggest a remedy or to form any conclusions as to the probable duration of the infestation. He thinks rains would lessen their ravages, but seems at a loss to know just what the little buggers will accomplish before they let up.

The Greening Nursery Co., Monroe, Mich., one of the largest nursery concerns in the United States, writes us that they want a good live agent in this section to solicit orders for their trees, shrubbery, etc. Experience not necessary. They offer good pay weekly, and furnish canvassing outfit free. We advise any man or woman in our community, who has some spare time to take orders to write them for particulars immediately. Mention this paper when writing.

July 25, 1904.

An increase in railroad earnings of over six hundred thousand dollars for the month of May in Michigan and a gain in business of over two million dollars for the five months of the year up to the first of June, is an illustration of activity in Michigan which necessarily includes all the contributions of factory and farm and mill and mine of which the railroad business of our state is made up. No other indication of the status and direction of business affairs in Michigan could better represent the situation as a whole than this official declaration of the increased and increasing earnings of Michigan railroads.

### Old Engineer Passed Away.

After an illness extending over several months, Alexander B. Gilkey, aged 41 years, one of the oldest engineers on the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central railroad, died Tuesday evening at the home of his wife's uncle, Capt. B. W. Morgan, 111 Litchfield street, of chronic heart disease.

The deceased came to this city from his home in Grayling three weeks ago yesterday, and during that time was treated by six different physicians but without avail. He was widely known in this city and in every village and town along the line of the Michigan Central railroad.

Twenty-two years ago he entered the service of the Michigan Central in this city, and after about five years was promoted engineer. He was known to be one of the most careful men running on the division, being a man of unusual good judgement and skill in handling trains.

He was respected and esteemed among his superiors and subordinates alike and became noted on the division as one of the few men who was never disciplined for any accident or other difficulty arising from any fault of his.

Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock, under the auspices of the local Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The engineers will meet at the residence on Litchfield street to attend the funeral in a body. The pallbearers will be William Keyser, M. Farrell, Thos. J. Doyle, Frank E. Ayers, John Hatchard and George Horning.

The deceased was insured in the B. of L. E. for \$4,500. He is survived by Mrs. Gilkey, and two sons, aged 7 and 10 years respectively; his mother, Mrs. Mary Gilkey, and six brothers—Samuel of Portland, Me.; Stanley of Cleveland; Frank of Dallas, Tex.; Willard of Bangor township, and Prescott and Ferdinand of this city.

Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery.—Bay City Tribune.

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Mr. Hasen S. Pingree died at her home in Detroit last Sunday evening, having never recovered from the shock of her husband's death six years ago. A son and daughter survive. She was 66 years of age.

Mr. Bradley amputated one of his fingers Monday morning while operating their power sausage machine in the new market. He is not pleased with the experience.

Complaint is made to the health officer, of garbage being dumped south of the village on the Beaver Creek road and on the road to Cheney. Some one better look little out, for it is a violation of law which will not be tolerated, and the penalty is severe.

The dog law ought to be enforced. The brutes have been caught chasing cattle, outside of the village and it is known that rabies is present in the state and that many cattle have died from the disease, dire threats are made against the dogs, some of which will meet a violent death if caught again chasing stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeler were in camp at Ingalls' landing at the "U Neat A Rest" cottage on the banks of the AuSable, with Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Dusen, Master Austin Van Dusen and Mr. James of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fraleik of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bingham and children of Grayling. Trout were plentiful and all broke camp feeling they had been well supplied. "Till we meet again."

Several found the waters of the AuSable very exhilarating but no arrests made.

The New York Central railway system has acquired through the Michigan Central railroad one of the most valuable logging and timber railroads in the state, the Detroit and Charlevoix line. The road is 44 miles long and runs through an extremely valuable timber tract in the northwestern portion of the state. The eastern terminus of the line is to be changed from Frederic to Grayling, Mich., which is a division point on the Michigan Central. It is said to be the intention to also build a short cutoff line a little southwest of Deward to Grayling, tapping another valuable timber section.

The most terrible accident ever on the line of the P. M. road occurred last Saturday, by a head on collision between a heavy freight and an excursion train loaded with passengers, at Salem, in Washtenaw Co. Over 30 were killed outright and over 60 seriously injured and taken to the hospital in Detroit. Nearly all the killed were citizens of Ionia, as were nearly all the wounded. The freight train crew are blamed for the catastrophe.

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## RELIC OF SCOTTISH QUEEN.

Englishman Owns Handbag Once Property of Unfortunate Mary.

In the possession of Dr. A. F. Germain of Brighton, England, is a beautiful embroidered little handbag. It is an interesting relic of a bygone time, and figured in a famous scene. When the unfortunate Mary, Queen of Scots, was led to execution this little satchel of violet velvet formed part of the costume she wore. It contained a rare and costly handkerchief. As she passed to the block, Mary took the dainty handkerchief out and handed the bag to her favorite attendant, Lady Jane Douglas. She cherished it ever after as a memento of her lamented queen. The little bag is made more interesting and valuable by the fact that Queen Mary herself embroidered and made it. The needlework is very beautiful and rare, being peculiar to the time of the beautiful young queen. Until recently the bag has been in the possession of the Douglas family in Scotland, being kept at Castle Dumfries among the family heirlooms. A late Lady Douglas presented it to a favorite brother-in-law, Sir William Watkins Wynn, and this gentelman, realising the appreciation of Dr. A. F. Germain for this interesting relic of the unfortunate Queen Mary, gave it to him, and it is still in his possession. The bag is prized very highly by Dr. Germain, and he keeps it in a glass case, with a descriptive historical note attached to it.

## DO BEST WORK AT NIGHT.

Quiet Hours the Proper Time for Intellectual Labor.

Prof. Victor Halleaupe of the Paris Academy of Medicine declares that the best intellectual work can be accomplished between midnight and dawn. "The true secret of long continued, valuable brain work," he says, "is to cut the night in two. The scholar, the inventor, the financier, the literary creator should be asleep every night at ten o'clock, to wake again at, say two, in the morning. Three hours' work, from two to five, in the absolute tranquillity of the silent hours, should mean the revealing of new powers, new possibilities, a wealth of ideas undreamed of under the prevailing system. From eight to eight or 8:30 sleep again. Take up again the day's work; the brain will still be saturated with the mental fruits of the night vigil; there will be no effort in putting into practice or carrying further what was planned or begun those few hours before. The habit may be hard to acquire, but mechanical means of waking at first will induce the predisposition."

## By Proxy.

He was a man with a large round personality, and he stood at the head of a large line of impudent men, women and children who were waiting for a chance to pay their fares and get past the turnstile of the elevated railway at Madison and Wabash, says the Chicago Tribune.

He was searching leisurely in his pockets for the necessary nickel, and it wasn't in any of them. Finally he produced a five-dollar bill, which he slowly and methodically unfolded and passed over to the monopolist inside the ticket office. "Dom his basted bide!" fervently exclaimed a man with a strong Tipperary accent, half way down the line. "O, you mustn't talk that way!" said a sweet feminine voice directly behind him; "but thank you very much!"

## Tobacco Smoke Poisonous.

It is often said that tobacco smoke is a powerful germicide. The composition of tobacco smoke is complex, the principal constituents being oils of a tarry nature. Nicotine itself is a strong germicide, but the quantity of nicotine, the chief constituent of residue being a very poisonous oil known as pyridine. Tobacco smoke contains a decided quantity of carbon monoxide, which is a preservative and which must possess germicidal properties. Recently it has been observed that one of the principal constituents accounting for the germicidal properties of tobacco smoke is the powerful antiseptic formaldehyde.

## At the Literary Club.

"How did everything come off at the literary last night?" "Well, the barbecue beef was tiptop, an' the Brunswick stew couldn't be beat, while the corn licker had enough beans on it to make a pearl necklace look sick." "But—was there no literary discussion?" "Lemme see, now—I believe the president did hit the vice president 'sides the head with a copy of Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

## Leaded.

The old man looked reflectively at the brass tip of his wooden leg. "Then," he said, "the surgeons took me up and laid me carefully in the ammunition wagon, and—" "Hold on, captain," said a listener. "You don't mean the ammunition wagon. You mean the ambulance wagon." But the captain shook his head. "No," he insisted; "I was so full of bullets that they decided I belonged to the ammunition wagon."

## Putting it Mildly.

"You resent that editor's opinions?" "Not at all," answered Mr. Storrington. "What I resent is his *audacity* in coming into this community to inflict his opinions without their public expression."

## NO JOBS FOR PLAIN GIRLS.

St. Petersburg Postoffice Service Attractive, but Not Efficient.

The Slovo of St. Petersburg recently asked its readers: "Have you ever noticed that the lady assistants in the general post office at St. Petersburg are almost without exception good looking?" Most people might consider this a mere coincidence, but that this is not the case is shown by Miss Petrowa, who writes to the newspaper to tell how two friends of hers recently applied for clerkships in the general post office. After a time, the application papers were returned with a formal note to the effect that at present there were no vacancies. The returned documents, however, revealed marginal notes which had been imperfectly obliterated with rubber. One read: "She looks to be over 30, is small, plain and fussy." On the other paper in microscopic characters were the words: "Old maid, tall, bony." The Slovo asks what might have been the marginal notes on the papers of successful candidates and who are responsible for them. It adds that the selection of youth and beauty for this branch of the public service has by no means improved the unsatisfactory condition of the general post office.

## KNEW BETTER THAN THAT.

City Youth Could Believe Much but There Was a Limit.

The younger son of a well-known politician of Chicago has spent pretty much all of his life in the big city by the lake, and, consequently, knows little of country ways and things. Not long ago he visited a man he had met in Chicago, and who maintains a big farm near Cairo, whither he had insisted the youngster come for a lengthy stay. One day the Chicago youth was wandering about the farm, closely examining the top, ends and sides of a certain trim, well-made object fenced round in the paddock. "What are you searching for, Jimmy?" asked the owner of the place, with a quizzical smile. "Where are the doors and windows?" asked Jimmy. "Doors and windows?" Why, Jimmy, that's a haystack. "Look here, old man," exclaimed Jimmy; "I may be only a green person from the city, but you can't bluff me that way. Hay doesn't grow in lumps like that!"—Harper's Weekly.

## Real Forbidden Fruit.

In some countries there grows a kind of fruit belonging to the shaddock family and which is commonly called "forbidden fruit". It is similar to grape fruit, but is larger and the inside is somewhat coarser than the delicious acid delicacy of which we are so fond. The name forbidden fruit was given on account of three dark brown stains, like finger marks, which invariably show on this variety of the shaddock. The stains are close together on one side and are believed to be the marks of Eve's fingers left as a brand on the apple whose eating caused so much trouble in the world.

Forbidden fruit is much liked by people who are able to get it fresh, but so far it has not been shipped abroad as extensively as its cousin, the grape fruit and shaddock.

## Great Land Owner.

The Duke of Northumberland is the largest land owner in England. His estates stretch almost from sea to sea, and he can ride 100 miles and not once leave his own domain. In appearance he is tall and thin, with reddish hair and flowing whiskers. He is old-fashioned in manner, and shows many of the attributes of a grand seigneur. "And he has all the pride of the Percys and keeps up to the full their Olympian traditions. He was once heard to say: "You will have to go a long way back in our record to find a Percy who was either idle or a spendthrift." In religion he is an Irvingite, like his father, and he has

frequented the rest were called Blasters, so the saying grew into the English tongue and remains there fixed and useful."

## Fritz on the Dachshund.

Little Fritz was told to write an essay on his favorite dog and he wrote the following on the dachshund: "Der dachshund was a German dog, looks like a bologna sausage mit legs. Vonce fader had a dachshund dot vosa so long ven ut ran around der block ut had to hold up its head to keep from running over ut hind legs. Der dachshund was an obedient dog, but ven you call him to come quick he is always long. He can't help it—he was born dox day. Above all, der dachshund ves der only member ut der dog's family whose breath comes in long bants. All der rest comes in short bants. Hurrah for der dachshund!"

## They Moved Down to Boston.

Mrs. H. G. Wells and other grown-ups have had their merry gites at Boston, but here's a little miss whose unconscious irony puts their best efforts to shame. "Why?" asked Dorothy the other night on going to bed: "why can't we see fairies?" "Because they do not live in the fields and woods here any more," replied her nurse. "Where are they, then?" "Perhaps so," "Oh, I know," said Dorothy after a moment of silent thought. "The angels got tired of their old mansions in the skies, so they let the fairies have them and moved to Boston,"—Judge.

## Not a Botanist.

"When we were out automobile on the boulevard yesterday I stopped to look at the rhododendrons." "What part of the car is that?"

## CLINGS TO STRANGE NAMES.

Civilization Hasn't Altered the Red Man's Fondness for Odd Titles.

However rapidly the Indian is traveling the path of civilization, it is plain from a casual reading of the notices in the South Dakota newspapers of inherited Indian lands for sale that their names do not change. In one of these advertisements appear the following: Edward Snow Boy, Emily Crow Dog, Joseph Red Leaf, Little Bird, R. Spotted Eagle, Lob Long Ear, Lizzie Long Bull, Jonah Iron Whip, Samuel Four Star, John Omaha, Julie Humming Bird, J. Pretty Feather, Jonah One Elk, R. Crazy Eyes, Lizzie Long Ear, Medicine Horn, Feather-in-the-Ear, Cecilia Curly Feather and Robert Kill Bear.

Probably a fourth of these Indian heirs bear the names of white fathers. Half a century ago a colony of Frenchmen settled in the vicinity of the Mandan and Brule Sioux, and nearly every one of them married an Indian. Their progeny are represented by such names as Picotte, Achambeau, Arconse, Dufond, Brunet, Desours, Tasagye and Bruyer. Descendants of these Frenchmen own great tracts of land and many cattle in the northwest.

Many of the Indians still retain their old form of name. From another advertisement come these: Sunakotkipi, Iwankewinawatwin, Cuncagowakanwa, Uncangotowain, Wakowewin, Pejutowin, Wakocorawin, Wakowewin.

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The statistician, as a rule, is not a popular person. He makes a display of figures, and they rarely or ever teach us a lesson.

For once, however, the statistician has appeared in the altogether new character of a "funny man" and what he tells us is worth recording. The man in question is a bachelor, who spends most of his evenings in theaters and restaurants, and in a doleful voice he tells us that owing to the tip system, his overcoat costs him on the average 50 cents a day from the tip in the restaurant where he lunches; in the restaurant where he dines, in the theater and in the restaurant where he has supper. And in this he does not reckon the tip he gives the servants in friends' houses who help him on with his overcoat.

This garment, for which he originally paid \$40, therefore costs him \$150 in tips in the course of the year.

And then his hat and umbrella, they too, it appears, prove expensive, and necessitate a yearly outlay of \$40 in gratuities, although he does not tell us how he works this out. It certainly sounds terrible—Gentlewoman.

The Dangerous Crinoline.

In the days of the wearing of crinolines Lady Dorothy Nevill tells in her book of reminiscences how, but for her prompt action, she might very possibly have been burned to death. She was showing an engraving over the fireplace to a guest and in some way her voluminous skirts caught fire.

"None of the women present could do much to assist me," she says, "for their enormous crinolines rendered them almost completely impotent to deal with fire. Had they come close to me they would have been in a blaze, too." So she had recourse to work out her own salvation, which she did by rocking herself backward and forward on a thick rug till the flames were extinguished.

The Origin of Slang Phrase.

James Baker of the Royal Geographical Society gives this little story of a Greek saint: "Our good St. Blazius that gave us the phrase 'drunk as Blazes'; for this saint was pleasantly done to death by having his flesh torn off by wool combs, and so he became the patron of the English wool combers; and as a high feast was kept up on his day, and the people who frequented the rest were called Blasters, so the saying grew into the English tongue and remains there fixed and useful."

A Wise Physician.

"Molke." "What is it, Pat?" "Supposin' Ol was to have a fit?" "Xis." "And yo had a pint av whisky?" "Yis."

"Would yez kneel down and put the bottle to me lips?"

"Ol would not."

"Yez wouldn't?"

"No, I could bring yez to yer fate quicker was der standin' up in front of ye and shrankin' it myself."

Never Too Late To...

Father—Let me see, John, how old are you now?"

Son—Just 30.

Father—Don't you think it about time you took your medical degree and started to work?"

Son—Oh, no, father; people have so little confidence in young doctors—Translated for Tales from Meggen-dorfer Blatter.

Not to Be Forgotten.

Minister's Wife (to her husband)—Will yo help me to put the drawing room carpet down to-day dear? The room is beautifully clean.

Minister (reverently)—Ah, well, I suppose I will have to.

Wife—And don't forget, John dear, when you are doing it that you are a minister of the gospel.

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